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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
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STATE MEDICAL CONVENTION,

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LANCASTER, April 11, 1848.

Pursuant to an invitation by the Chester County and Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, the State Medical Convention assembled for the purpose of forming a State Medical Society, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in this City, at 11 o'clock A. M., when

Dr. GEORGE B. KERFOOT, of Lancaster, called the Convention to order, and moved, for the purpose of temporary organization, that Dr. JOHN P. HESTER, of Berks County, be called to the Chair, which was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. JOHN L. ATLEE, of Lancaster, then nominated Dr. *Alfred Stillé*, of Philadelphia, as Secretary, which was also agreed to.

On motion of Dr. GOUVERNEUR EMERSON, of Philadelphia, a Committee of three be appointed to examine and verify the credentials of the Delegates to the Convention :—Drs. Atlee, Emerson and Mütter, were appointed.

On motion of Dr. KERFOOT, Mr. Albert G. Williams, editor, obtained the privilege of a seat in the Convention, for the purpose of reporting the proceedings in his paper.

On motion of Dr. J. L. ATLEE,

Resolved, That any gentlemen present from Counties not otherwise represented, be invited to take a seat in the Convention, and participate in its proceedings.

The Committee on credentials then reported the following Delegates as duly qualified to take seats in the Convention, which report was adopted, and the Committee continued.

(The names of Delegates who were not present are marked thus †.)

<i>College of Physicians of Philadelphia.</i>	{	DRS. SAMUEL JACKSON, late of North'd. ISAAC HAYS, LEWIS RODMAN, FRANCIS G. SMITH, JOSEPH CARSON, ALFRED STILLE, WILLIAM B. PAGE, GEORGE FOX, WASHINGTON L. ATLEE, VICTOR L. GODON.
<i>Philadelphia Medical Society.</i>	{	DRS. GOUVERNEUR EMERSON, JOHN BELL, BENJAMIN H. COATES, GEORGE W. NORRIS, HENRY H. SMITH, HENRY BOND, †I. RODMAN PAUL, ISAAC PARRISH, †MERIDETH CLYMER, †EDWARD HARTSHORNE.
<i>Northern Medical Association of Philadelphia.</i>	{	DRS. JOHN F. LAMB, †ABRAHAM HELFENSTEIN, JOSEPH D. STEWART, WM. MAYBURY, †THOMAS HOBSON, †JOHN RHEIN.
<i>University of Pennsylvania.</i>	{	DRS. SAMUEL JACKSON, †WM. GIBSON.
<i>Jefferson Medical College.</i>	{	DRS. THOMAS D. MUTTER, ROBERT M. HUSTON.
<i>Pennsylvania Medical College.</i>	{	DRS. HENRY S. PATTERSON, WM. R. GRANT.
<i>Franklin Medical College.</i>	{	DRS. THOMAS F. BETTON, PAUL B. GODDARD.
<i>Philadelphia College of Medicine.</i>	{	DRS. JESSE R. BURDEN, HENRY GIBBONS.
<i>Phil'a. Association for Medical Instruction.</i>	{	DR. FRANCIS WEST.

- Chester County Medical Society.* { Drs. W. W. TOWNSEND,
CHARLES W. PARISH,
SAMUEL H. HARRY,
†JOHN F. HUDDLESON,
E. F. RIVINUS.
- Lancaster City & County Medical Society.* { Drs. SAMUEL HUMES,
SAMUEL DUFFIELD,
JOHN L. ATLEE,
GEO. B. KERFOOT,
JOHN K. ESHLEMAN,
JAMES S. CLARKSON.
- Lancaster County Hospital.* { Drs. HARMANY A. SMITH,
C. ORRICK RICHARDS.
- York Borough & County Medical Association.* { Dr. GEORGE L. SHEARER.
- Medical Faculty of Berks County.* { Drs. JOHN P. HIESTER,
WM. MOORE,
J. HORACE SELTZER.
- Medical Faculty of Montgomery County.* { Drs. †GEORGE W. THOMAS,
HIRAM CORSON,
†W. G. NUGENT,
C. FRONEFIELD,
†J. L. FOULKE,
- Lebanon County Medical Society.* { Drs. D. B. MARSHALL,
†N. RANCK,
SAMUEL BEHM,
†JEREMIAH BREIDENBACH,
B. F. SCHNECK.
- Schuylkill County Medical Society.* { Drs. JAMES S. CARPENTER,
J. G. KOEHLER.
S. MORTON ZULICK.
- Susquehanna Co. Medical Society.* { Drs. G. Z. DIMOCK,
†B. RICHARDSON.
- Lycoming County Medical Society.* { Dr. THOMAS WOOD.
- Medical Faculty of Dauphin County.* { Drs. EDWARD S. ROBERTS,
†LUTHER REILEY,
A. MILLER.
- Medical Faculty of Bucks County.* { Dr. CHARLES W. FOULKE,

On motion of Dr. GODDARD, it was resolved that the Convention

now proceed to the election of officers for its permanent organization.

On motion of Dr. HUSTON, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to nominate officers, which, on motion of Dr. HAYS, was made to consist of one member from each County, viz:—Drs. Hays, of Philadelphia, Dr. Foulke, of Bucks, Atlee, of Lancaster, Shearer, of York, Moore, of Berks, Marshall, of Lebanon, Wood, of Lycoming, and Dimock of Susquehanna.

On motion of Dr. MÜTTER, Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg, of Lancaster, was invited to take a seat in the Convention and participate in its proceedings.

Dr. HAYS, from the Committee to nominate officers for the permanent organization of the Convention, reported the following :

PRESIDENT.

Dr. SAMUEL HUMES, of Lancaster.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Drs. JOHN P. HIESTER, of Berks,

“ THOMAS WOOD, of Lycoming.

SECRETARIES.

Drs. Alfred Stillé, of Philadelphia.

“ *G. Z. Dimock, of Susquehanna.*

On motion of Dr. HUSTON, the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The officers having taken their places, the Convention was declared duly organized and ready to proceed to business.

Dr. STILLE begged permission to tender his resignation as Secretary, which was accepted ; and on motion of Dr. HAYS, Dr. D. B. Marshall, of Lebanon county, was elected to fill the vacancy.

Dr. EMERSON offered the following preamble and resolution, which were read, and on motion, adopted :

Whereas, The extension of knowledge upon all subjects pertaining to the healing art, and the improvement of the capacities of those to whose skill and attention the suffering community is necessarily entrusted, are matters of the deepest interest to the public ; we, therefore, the representatives of a large portion of the Medical Faculty of the State of Pennsylvania, believing that these objects may be greatly promoted through a systematic organization

of the members of the profession of the Commonwealth assembled in Convention in the city of Lancaster,

Resolve, That this Convention now proceed to the organization of a State Medical Society.

On motion of Dr. HAYS, a Committee of seven was appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for a State Medical Society, viz :

Drs. Hays, J. L. Atlee, Emerson, Bond, Eshleman, Duffield and Harry.

After which the Convention adjourned to meet at 3½ o'clock P. M.

APRIL 11, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 3½ o'clock P. M.

The roll was now called, whereupon fifty-eight Delegates answered to their names.

On motion of Dr. EMERSON, Dr. Francis S. Burrowes, of Lancaster, was invited to take a seat in the Convention, and participate in its proceedings.

Dr. J. L. ATLEE renewed his motion of the morning, that any gentlemen present from counties not otherwise represented, be invited to take seats in the Convention, which was agreed to.

Dr. HAYS, as Chairman, presented the report of the Committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws.

On motion of Dr. STILLE, the report of the Committee was received, and the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the Constitution, article by article.

Article 1st. was then read and adopted.

Dr. J. L. ATLEE moved that a Committee of two be appointed to invite the Hon. Ellis Lewis, of Lancaster, to take a seat upon the floor of the Convention; which was carried.

Drs. Atlee and West were appointed.

Dr. GODDARD moved a reconsideration of the 1st article; agreed to.

The first article was then amended by changing the title of the Society to that of "The Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania."

The 2nd article was then adopted without amendment.

The 3rd article being before the Convention, Dr. B. H. COATES moved that the consideration of it be postponed for the present; which was lost.

Dr. HUSTON moved that the word "fellows," in the first section, be stricken out; agreed to:

On motion of Dr. BELL, the words "honorary members" in same section were also stricken out.

The whole of the 3rd article was then adopted as amended.

On motion of Dr. STILLE, several articles reported respecting Fellows and Honorary Members were also stricken out.

The 4th article being before the Convention, Dr. H. GIBBONS moved to strike out the word "orator," in the 1st section, which after some discussion, was agreed to.

The whole article was then read and adopted without further amendment.

The 5th article having been read, Dr. HAYS moved to strike out the words occurring in the 3d section, "and notify Fellows and Honorary Members of their election," which was agreed to, and the whole article adopted as amended.

The 6th article having been read, Dr. J. L. ATLEE moved to amend, by striking out the proviso in the first clause of the 1st section, requiring ten regular practitioners in each county as necessary to the formation of a County Medical Society, which was agreed to.

Section 3rd being under discussion, on motion of Dr. MARSHALL, the Convention adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, April 12.—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 8 o'clock, A. M.

The minutes of the first day's proceedings having been read and adopted, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

On motion of Dr. HAYS, the Convention proceeded to the further consideration of the 3rd section, 6th article—and also its adoption by dividing the sense.

Dr. BOND moved the adoption of the first portion as divided and read.

Dr. HAYS moved the adoption of the following as a substitute for the second portion of the 3d section :

Any one holding a patent for a Surgical Instrument or Medicine, or dealing in a patent or secret remedy, or who may hereafter give a certificate in favor of any patent or secret remedy, or patent instrument, shall be disqualified from membership in a County Society.

Dr. CARPENTER, of Pottsville, moved to strike out the words "Surgical Instrument"—not agreed to.

Dr. C. W. PARRISH moved to amend further, by adding the words "dealing in patent medicines," which amendment was accepted by Dr. Hays.

Dr. HAYS moved to adopt the article by items.

1st Item.—"Any one holding a patent for a Surgical Instrument or Medicine"—adopted.

2nd Item.—Amended on motion of Dr. PATTERSON, by adding the words "or prescribing."

Hon. ELLIS LEWIS moved to strike out the words "patent or;" lost.

Dr. GODDARD then moved a reconsideration of the items passed in the substitute offered by Dr. Hays—which was agreed to.

Dr. GODDARD offered the following substitute, which was adopted :

"Any Physician who shall procure a patent for a remedy or instrument of Surgery, or who sells or deals in patent remedies, or nostrums, or who prescribes a remedy without knowing its composition, or who shall hereafter give a certificate in favor of a patent remedy or instrument, shall be disqualified from becoming a member of a County Society."

The 4th section of the 6th article was then adopted ; as were also the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th sections, after considerable discussion.

Article 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, were also adopted.

Article 11th being under consideration, Dr. BOND moved to amend by striking out the words "Rules and Regulations," and inserting "Constitution," which was accepted and the article adopted as amended.

The By-Laws, or order of business, were then considered and adopted.

On motion of Dr. GRANT, the Constitution was adopted as a whole, as amended.

Dr. ISAAC PARRISH moved that a Committee of Finance, of one from each county represented, be appointed for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Convention;

When Dr. J. L. ATLEE, on behalf of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society, opposed the adoption of Dr. Parrish's motion, by stating that the acceptance by the profession throughout the State of their invitation to Lancaster, was a source of pride and gratification; that by the liberality of one of the most respectable religious societies, their church had been obtained for the use of the Convention, and that the Medical Society of Lancaster were unwilling that the members of the State Convention should incur any expense, except for printing the proceedings.

Dr. PATTERSON then moved to amend, by assessing each member one dollar to defray the expenses of publication; and to pay over the collection to the Treasurer of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society for that purpose.

On motion of Dr. BURDEN, the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Medical Society of Lancaster City and County; and also to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the use of their building.

Dr. KERFOOT offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, It is evident that, for want of some wholesome law to regulate and guard the practice of Medicine in the State of Pennsylvania, disqualified persons are permitted to impose themselves upon the public in undertaking what they do not understand, and pretending to what they do not possess, to the great injury of human health, and danger to human life: Therefore,

Resolved, That as honesty and scientific attainments are considered essential pre-requisites in every department of professional life, we deem them paramount in the assumption of the Medical character.

Resolved, That as the guardians of the health and lives of the citizens of this Commonwealth, we respectfully call the attention

of Government and the people, to the serious consideration of the establishment of a State Medical Tribunal, without whose authority, or that of an incorporated College, none shall practice under penalty.

Resolved, That a bill can be drafted, and may become a law, which will be in keeping with the age, compatible with the spirit of our Republican Institutions, and meet the wants of the people.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to frame a bill which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, and if approved, shall then be presented to the next Legislative body, for their consideration.

On motion of Dr. JAMES S. CARPENTER, the above resolutions were laid on the table.

On motion of Dr. STILLE,

Resolved, That all unfinished business be referred to the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That this Convention do now resolve itself into the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, and that the officers of the Convention continue to act as officers of the Society.

On motion of Dr. Fox, a committee of one from each body represented, was appointed to nominate permanent officers of the Society.

The following gentlemen were accordingly appointed:

Dr. Fox—College of Physicians.

“ COATES—Philadelphia Medical Society.

“ LAMB—Northern Medical Association, Phil'a.

“ JACKSON—University of Pennsylvania.

“ MUTTER—Jefferson College.

“ PATTERSON—Pennsylvania Medical College.

“ BETTON—Franklin Medical College.

“ BURDEN—Philadelphia Medical College.

“ WEST—Phil'a. Association for Medical Instruction.

“ TOWNSEND—Chester County Medical Society.

“ FOULKE—Medical Faculty of Bucks County.

“ ATLEE—Med. Soc. of Lancaster City and Co.

“ SMITH—Lancaster County Hospital.

- Dr. SHEARER—York County Medical Association.
 “ HIESTER—Medical Faculty of Berks County.
 “ ZULICK—Schuylkill County Medical Society.
 “ ROBERTS—Medical Faculty of Dauphin County.
 “ FRONEFIELD—Montgomery Co. Med. Society.
 “ SCHNECK—Lebanon County Medical Society.
 “ WOOD—Lycoming County Medical Society.
 “ DIMOCK—Susquehanna Co. Medical Society.

During the absence of the above Committee, on motion of Dr. GIBBONS, the Society proceeded to the election of Delegates, by ballot, to the American Medical Association.

Drs. GIBBONS and PAGE were appointed Tellers.

After counting the votes, the following named gentlemen were declared duly elected :

- Dr. JOHN L. ATLEE, of Lancaster.
 “ WILMER WORTHINGTON, Chester.
 “ JOHN P. HIESTER, Berks.
 “ WILLIAM McILVAIN, York,
 “ JAMES S. CARPENTER, Schuylkill,
 “ SAMUEL JACKSON, (Northumberland,) Philadelphia.

On motion of Dr. GRANT,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be tendered to the President and other officers of the late State Medical Convention, for the able manner in which they have discharged their respective duties ; unanimously agreed to,

On motion of Dr. STILL,

Resolved, That the several County Medical Societies be requested to procure the registration of the names of all regular practitioners in their respective limits, and transmit a list of the same to the State Society, at its next meeting ; agreed to.

Dr. EMERSON moved, that the Constitution, and By-Laws, as adopted by the late Convention, be adopted by the “ Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania,” as now organized—which was agreed to.

Dr. ATLEE, on behalf of the Committee to nominate officers for the government of the State Medical Society, reported the following :

PRESIDENT.

DR. SAMUEL HUMES, of Lancaster.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Dr. JOHN P. HIESTER, of Berks.

" SAMUEL JACKSON, (Professor,) Phil'a.

" THOMAS WOOD, of Lycoming.

" JOHN L. ATLEE, of Lancaster.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Dr. ISAAC HAYS, of Philadelphia.

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

Dr. H. S. PATTERSON, of Philadelphia.

" GEO. B. KERFOOT, of Lancaster.

TREASURER.

Dr. GEORGE FOX, of Philadelphia.

CENSORS.—*S. E. District.*

Dr. F. A. MUHLENBERG, of Lancaster.

" GEO. W. NORRIS, of Philadelphia.

" WILMER WORTHINGTON, of Chester.

" JAMES S. CARPENTER, of Schuylkill.

" HIRAM CORSON, of Montgomery.

The Committee reported, that for the present, they had nominated Censors for but one district in the State, and recommended that they have power to act for the whole State until the next meeting of the State Medical Society.

Which report, and recommendation, on motion of Drs. MARSHALL and STILLE, were unanimously adopted—*viva voce*.

Dr. ZULICK moved, that when this Society adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Pottsville, on the 2nd Tuesday of April, 1849. Dr. HIESTER proposed Reading. Dr. EMERSON, proposed Harrisburg. The sense of the meeting being taken, it was

Resolved, That when the Society adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Reading, on the second Tuesday of April.

On motion of Dr. J. L. ATLEE, the day was changed to the 2nd Wednesday of April, 1849.

On motion of Dr. KERFOOT,

Resolved, That we approve of the standard of preliminary edu-

cation, recommended by the American Medical Association, and urge its strict observance upon County Medical Societies.

Dr. MARSHALL moved that the resolutions offered by Dr. KERFOOT, and laid upon the table by the late Convention, be now taken up; which was agreed to. When, after some discussion, Dr. COATES moved that their consideration be recommended to the early attention of the next meeting of the State Medical Society; which was agreed to.

On motion of Dr. ATLEE,

Resolved, That this Society now adjourn.

G. Z. DIMOCK,	}	Secretaries.
D. B. MARSHALL,		

At a stated meeting of the "Lancaster City and County Medical Society," held April 19th, 1848, the following preamble and resolutions, moved by Drs. ATLEE and KERFOOT, were adopted:

"Whereas, The State Medical Convention, and the "Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania," at their late meeting, delegated to the "Lancaster City and County Medical Society," the printing and publication of their proceedings; be it therefore

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to superintend said printing and publishing, and that they attend to the distribution of copies according to the recommendation of the State Medical Society.

Resolved, That said Committee be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer, Dr. Parry, for such sum as he may have in his possession, for defraying the expenses incurred in carrying out the foregoing resolution, and report at the next stated meeting of the Society.

Drs. JOHN L. ATLEE, HENRY CARPENTER and GEO. B. KERFOOT, were then appointed said committee.

Extract from the Minutes.

SAMUEL HUMES, President.

Attest—HENRY CARPENTER, Secretary.

NOTE.—The undersigned have deemed it proper to state in this place, that the Committee appointed to draft the Constitution, reported a number of articles relative to the election of Honorary Members, and a class styled "Fellows," with details of their duties, privileges, &c.; which, after considerable discussion, were rejected by the Convention, and the manuscript withdrawn by the Committee. As these articles were of considerable length, it has been concluded to take no notice of them in the foregoing publication, inserting only the Constitution as amended and adopted. This will, therefore, account for the omission of some motions contained in the manuscript of the Secretaries, which related solely thereto, and the insertion of which, would have tended to confuse the sense of the proceedings.

JOHN L. ATLEE,
HENRY CARPENTER,
GEORGE B. KERFOOT,
Committee of Publication.

Lancaster, May 16, 1848.

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ADOPTED APRIL 12, 1848.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE OF THE SOCIETY.

The name and title of this Society shall be "*The Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania.*"

ART. II.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

The objects of this Society shall be the advancement of Medical knowledge; the elevation of professional character; the protection of the interests of its members; the extension of the bounds of Medical Science, and the promotion of all measures adapted to the relief of suffering; and to improve the health and protect the lives of the community.

ART. III.

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. The Society shall consist of Delegates and Associates.

§ 2. The Delegates shall receive their appointment from the County Societies.

§ 3. Every Delegate, before admission to a seat in the Society, shall produce a certificate of delegation, signed by the President or Secretary of his County Society, shall sign the Constitution, and pay the assessment:

§ 4. Each Delegate shall hold his appointment for one year, or, until another is appointed to succeed him.

§ 5. Every member of a County Society, shall be an Associate of the State Society, so long as he conforms to its regulations.

ART. IV.

OF THE OFFICERS.

§ 1. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, two Recording Secretaries, a Treasurer and five Censors for each of the six Censorial Districts.

§ 2. Each Officer shall be elected by vote, on a general ticket, and shall serve for one year, or until another is elected to succeed him.

§ 3. None but Delegates shall be eligible to the Offices of President, Vice President, Secretaries or Treasurer; but Delegates and Associates (provided they have been fifteen years in practice,) shall be eligible to the office of Censor.

ART. V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

§ 1. The President shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage may require. He shall not be eligible two terms in succession.

§ 2. The Vice Presidents, when called upon, shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and during the absence of, or at the request of the President, one of them shall officiate in his place. They shall not be eligible two terms in succession.

§ 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and perform such other duties as usually appertain to that office.

§ 4. The Recording Secretaries shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society, and when approved, shall fairly transcribe the same in a book to be kept for the purpose. They shall have charge of all papers belonging to the Society, other than those appertaining to the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary; and shall give due notice of the annual meetings.

§ 5. The Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the Society and disburse them as directed, preserving vouchers for the same. He shall annually present a statement of the finances of the Society, which shall be referred to a Committee of three Delegates to be audited. He shall give security for the faithful performance of his duties, whenever the council shall judge it requisite.

§ 6. It shall be the duty of the Censors of each District, to examine the laws and regulations of the County Societies; and if they find nothing in the said laws and regulations contrary to the letter or spirit of those of the State Society, the Censors shall endorse on them the word "Approved," with their signatures, and the date of such approval, and transmit one copy to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Society, and another to the Secretary of the County Society.

§ 7. It shall also be their duty, in case of appeal from the decision of a County Society by a member, who may conceive himself aggrieved thereby, to examine into the merits of the case, and give their decision

which shall be final. They shall report their decisions through the Corresponding Secretary annually.

§ 8. Three Censors shall constitute a quorum, and be competent to transact business.

ART. VI.

OF THE COUNTY SOCIETIES.

§ 1. The members of the Profession in any county of this State, who desire so to do, may form themselves into a County Society: *Provided*, that public notice of the proposed meeting for the purpose be given, and that all the regular members of the Profession in the county be invited to join therein; and said Society may adopt rules for their government, *provided* the same do not contravene those of the State Society; may elect Officers, and do such other matters as may be necessary to carry out the objects of their Association.

§ 2. No one shall be admitted as a member of a County Society, unless he is either a graduate in Medicine of some respectable Medical School or has a license to practice from some Board, recognized by the State Society, or has been a practitioner for at least fifteen years; and who, moreover, is in good moral and professional standing in the place where he resides, and is a regular practitioner.

§ 3. Any Physician who shall procure a patent for a remedy, or Instrument of Surgery, or who sells or deals in patent remedies or nostrums, or who prescribes a remedy without knowing its composition, or who shall hereafter give a certificate in favor of a patent remedy or instrument, shall be disqualified from becoming a member of a County Society.

§ 4. As soon as a County Society is organized, the Secretary thereof shall transmit to the Censors of the District, two copies of their rules and regulations, with the names of the Officers and Members; and as soon as one of the said copies is returned with the approval of the said Censors, or a majority of them, the Society shall be authorized to elect one Delegate to the State Society for every ten of its members, and one Delegate where the Society does not consist of ten members.

§ 5. Every County Society shall enforce the observance by its members of the code of Ethics adopted by the State Society; and they shall be authorized to censure or expel any member convicted of violating its provisions.

§ 6. A member of a County Society who is censured or expelled, shall have a right to appeal to the Censors of the district.

§ 7. A member who is expelled shall be debarred from the rights of consultation, or the privileges of Professional intercourse with any member of the State Society.

§ 8. The County Societies shall report annually to the State Society a list of their Officers and Members, any new rules which they may adopt, and such other matters as they may deem interesting.

§ 9. Each County Society shall have a right to fix a fee bill for regulating the charges of its members for Professional services.

§ 10. The County Societies shall hold, at least, two meetings in each year.

§ 11. Each Society shall have full authority to adopt such measures as they may deem most efficient for mutual improvement, for exciting a spirit of emulation, for facilitating the dissemination of useful information, for promoting friendly intercourse among its members, and for the advancement of Medical Science.

§ 12. If any County Medical Society shall neglect to perform all such acts as may be required to be done by the laws of the State Society, or which may be considered derogatory to the honor of the Medical Profession, or shall oppose or neglect to comply with the laws of the State Society, such County Society shall, during such delinquency, have their privileges, as a portion of the State Society, suspended, and their Delegates shall not be entitled to a seat in the State Society.

ART. VII.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

§ 1. The Society shall hold an annual meeting in the month of April of each year.

§ 2. The time and place of meeting shall be determined, for each succeeding year, by a vote of the Society.

ART. VIII.

OF THE FUNDS.

§ 1. Funds for defraying the expenses of the Annual Meetings, and current expenses of the Society, may be raised by an assessment of the County Society, of not more than two dollars for each Delegate to which said County Societies may be entitled.

ART. IX.

CODE OF ETHICS.

This Society adopts, as a part of its regulations, the code of Ethics of the American Medical Association.

ART. X.

OF THE CENSORIAL DISTRICTS.

§ 1. The State shall be divided into six Districts, as follows, viz :

The first shall comprise the counties of Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, Lehigh, Berks, Schuylkill, Lebanon, Dauphin and Lancaster.

§ 2. The second, the counties of Northampton, Pike, Wayne, Susquehanna, Luzerne, Columbia, Northumberland and Bradford.

§ 3. The third, of Lycoming, Tioga, Potter, Centre and Union.

§ 4. The fourth, of Mifflin, Huntingdon, Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Franklin and Bedford.

§ 5. The fifth, of Beaver, Allegheny, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Cambria, Indiana, Armstrong and Butler.

§ 6. The sixth, of Mercer, Venango, Jefferson, Crawford, Erie, Warren, McKean and Clearfield; and such counties as have been or may be formed of the above counties in each district.

ART. XI.

PROVISIONS FOR AMENDMENTS.

Every proposal for altering or amending this Constitution, shall be made in writing; and if such alteration or amendment receive the unanimous vote of the members present, it shall be adopted; but, if objections be made, the alteration or amendment shall lie over until the next annual meeting, when, if it receive the vote of two-thirds of the voters present, it shall be adopted.

BY-LAWS.

OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, shall call to order; or in case of the absence of all these Officers, a Chairman shall be appointed pro tem. for the purpose.

2. The appointment of a Committee to examine the credentials of Delegates.

3. The Report of the above named Committee.

4. Calling the Roll.

5. Election of Officers.

6. Reading the Minutes.

7. Any business which requires early consideration may, by permission, be introduced.

8. Reports from the County Societies.

9. The Correspondence shall be read by the Corresponding Secretary.

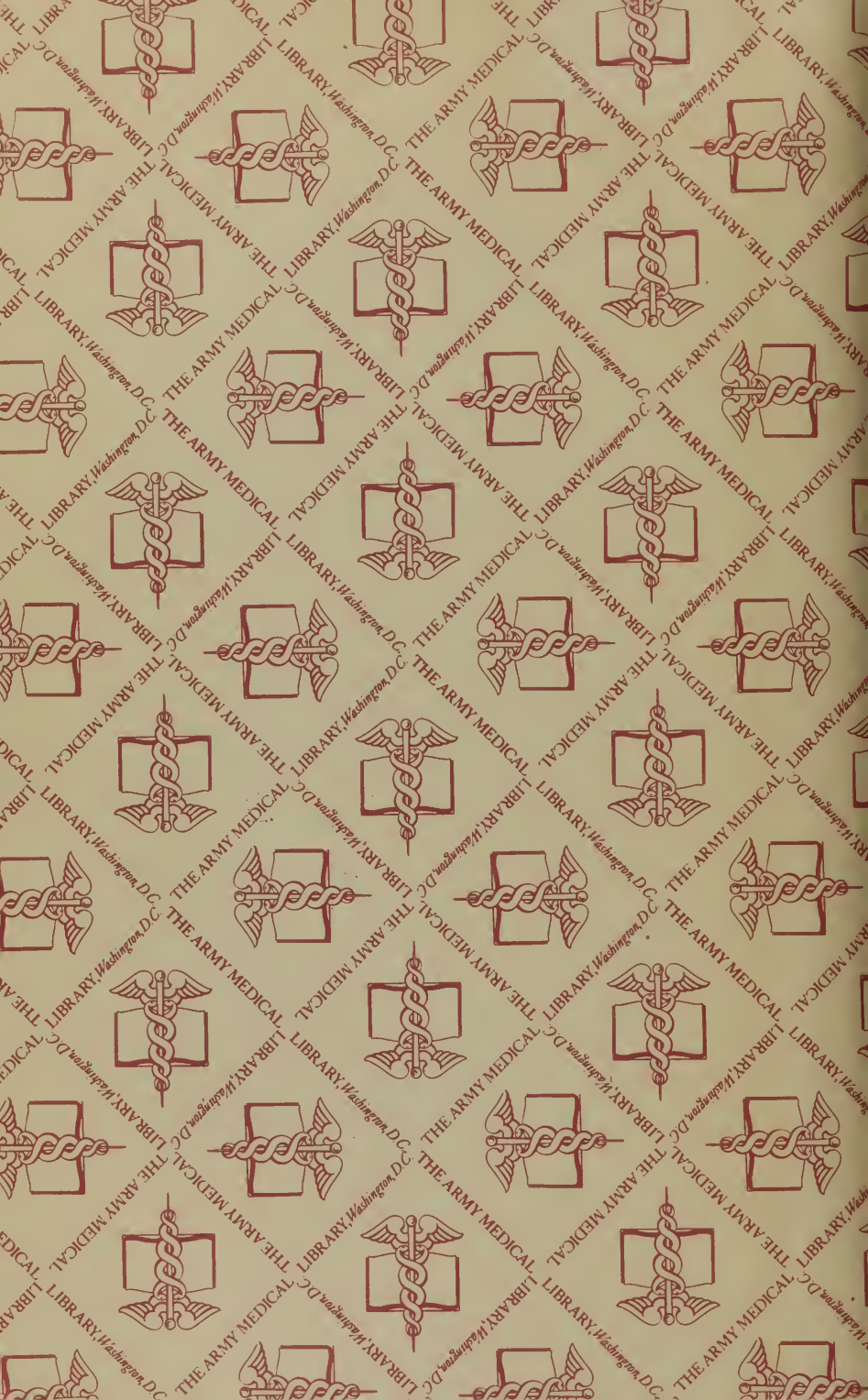
10. Written communications on Medical subjects may be read and discussed.

11. Oral communications may be made and discussed.

12. Resolutions introducing new business.

13. The selection of a place for the next meeting of the Society.

14. Unfinished and miscellaneous business.



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